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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Steven S. Risman, M.D.
License No.: 25MA06974100

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER
OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) upon receipt of a report from the Professional Assistance Program (PAP) that Steven S. Risman, M.D., a participant in the Alternate Resolution Program administered by the PAP under the auspices of the Impairment Review Committee of the Board, had relapsed into his abuse of psychoactive substances as evidenced by Dr. Risman's acknowledgment of his relapse on or about November 13, 2006.

Dr. Risman enrolled in the PAP in December, 2004 following his self referral for opiate usage, especially morphine, which he injected subcutaneously. Dr. Risman initially presented to the PAP with opiate dependence, depression and panic disorder. He was referred to Dr. Arnold Washton for outpatient treatment. His treatment involved random twice-weekly urine monitoring and regular attendance at the support groups of Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous; he was advised to

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cease and desist from any self-prescribing. In April 2005, Dr. Risman was admitted to Behavioral Health Plan of Palm Beach for a 30 day program for opiate dependency after self-reporting that he had been consuming Benadryl taken from his hospital employer. On July 26, 2006, Dr. Risman appeared before a committee of the Board of Medical Examiners and testified that he had abstained from the use of Benadryl and opiates for over a year and that he continued to attend support group meetings and to meet with a psychiatrist once a month.

On or about November 13, 2006, the PAP alerted the Board of Medical Examiners that Dr. Risman had relapsed into the abuse of psychoactive substances as evidenced by his own acknowledgment of his relapse. The PAP has represented that Dr. Risman is currently planning to participate in in-patient treatment.

Dr. Risman seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey without prejudice and in accordance with the terms of this Order. The Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore on this 2ND day of JANUARY, 2007

ORDERED:

1. Steven S. Risman, M.D. is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his license to practice Medicine and Surgery in the State of New Jersey for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of this Order.
2. Dr. Risman shall immediately return his original New Jersey license and current biennial registration to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, 140 E. Front Street, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183 upon his receipt of a filed copy of this Order.

3. Dr. Risman shall return his original CDS registration to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, 140 E. Front Street, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183 upon his receipt of a filed copy of this Order.

4. Dr. Risman shall immediately advise the DEA of this Order.

5. Dr. Risman will comply fully with the monitoring program established for him by the PAP. Such monitoring program shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Absolute abstinence from drugs and alcohol with the exception of medication prescribed by a treating physician for a documented medical condition with notification to the medical director of the PAP.
- b. Successful completion of an approved treatment program under the supervision of the PAP.
- c. Attendance at 90 meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in 90 days, and thereafter at a frequency to be determined by the Medical Director of the PAP, but not less than three meetings per week. Dr. Risman shall provide evidence of attendance at such groups directly to the PAP on a form or in a manner as required by the PAP.
- d. Random urine monitoring under the supervision of the PAP on a random, unannounced basis, at a frequency to be determined by the PAP, but no less than 2 times per week. All test results shall be provided in the first instance directly to the PAP and any positive result shall be reported immediately by the PAP to the Executive Director of the Board. Any failure by Dr. Risman to submit or provide a urine sample within twenty-four (24) hours of a request will be deemed to be an act of non-compliance with the terms of this order absent an excuse satisfactory to the PAP.
- e. Dr. Risman shall submit to continued monitoring by the PAP and shall meet with the PAP on a face-to-face basis at least once a month. Dr. Risman agrees that the PAP shall advise the Board immediately in the event it receives information or evidence of noncompliant behavior and/or further relapse.
- f. Participation in aftercare as prescribed by the Executive Director of the PAP.

6. Should Dr. Risman seek licensure in a State other than New Jersey, Dr. Risman authorizes the PAP to inform the licensing Board of that State of the current status of his recovery and his compliance with this Order.

7. Prior to any restoration of his license, Dr. Risman shall:

- a. Appear before the Board or a committee thereof to discuss his readiness to reenter the practice of medicine. At that time Dr. Risman shall be prepared to propose his plans for future practice in New Jersey.
- b. Provide the Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that he is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of alcohol or any other addictive substance which could affect his practice.
- c. Provide the Board with discharge summaries from any in-patient programs and reports from each and every mental health professional (including but not limited to: psychologists, counselors, therapists, psychiatrists) who have participated in Dr. Risman's care and/or treatment for the disability in this matter during the period of time from the date the within Order is filed to his appearance before the Board.
- d. Provide the Board with a report from the PAP detailing the nature and extent of his involvement with that entity.
- e. Affirmatively establish his fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of medicine and surgery within New Jersey.
- f. Provide the Board with a full account of his conduct during the intervening period of time from the entry of this Order to his appearance pursuant to this Order.

8. Dr. Risman shall comply with the "Directives Applicable to any Medical Board Licensee who is Suspended, Revoked or Whose Surrender of Licensure has been Accepted," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Sindy Paul, MD, MPH
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Board President

I have read the within Order
and agree to its terms.

[Signature]
Steven S. Risman, M.D.

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